



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, The United States Government has declared the second Sunday of December as National Children's Memorial Day since 1997; and

WHEREAS, children of all ages die each and every day in our country and around the world from various causes ranging from pregnancy loss, premature and still birth, congenital anomalies, diseases, alcohol and drug related deaths, illness, drowning, accidental deaths, murder, suicide, and motorized vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho recognizes the enormous and devastating grief of parents when a child dies, changing families forever; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to remember all the precious children lost and to honor all the Idaho families who have suffered this greatest of tragedies; and

WHEREAS, we recognize those caregivers, emergency, medical and hospice personnel that serve these families with compassion and respect; and

WHEREAS, we commend humanitarian groups in our state such as The Compassionate Friends, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and the MISS Foundation Idaho that provide ongoing support and friendship to bereaved families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2004, to be

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of December in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE